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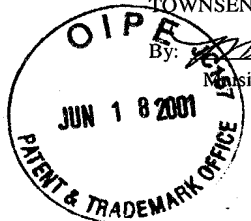
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In re application of:

Empedocles, et al.

Application No.: 09/784,645

Filed: February 15, 2001

For: MICROARRAY METHODS
UTILIZING SEMICONDUCTOR
NANOCRYSTALS

Art Unit: 1645

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 6 with the following rewritten paragraph:

A: --This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/266,290 filed September 29, 2000, and claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Patent Application No. 60/182,845, filed February 16, 2000, both of which are incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes. This application is related to U.S. Patent Application No. 09/566,014, filed May 5, 2000, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/133,084, filed May 7, 1999, both of which are also incorporated by reference in their entirety for all purposes.

REMARKS

The amendments made to the first paragraph of the application are simply to provide the provisional application number for one of the priority applications which was not available at the time of filing and thus referred to instead by title, attorney docket number and filing date. Thus, the amendment adds no new matter.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the specification by the current Preliminary Amendment. The attached page is captioned:
"Version with markings to show changes made."

CONCLUSION

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 303-571-4000.

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